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Camp Clear Creek Mississippi

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My dear and loving Wife I again take this
 opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know first that I am
 Still Enjoying good health and am in as good spirits as the nature
 of circumstances can admit for all of which I Still feel truly thankful
 and I do Sincerely hope that this may Reach you and find you all

enjoying good health and be in fine Spirits, Lydia I must say
to you now that I Recieved another letter from you datid 12th Just
which I was glad to Read and to hear that you was getting along so
well and I do hope that you may continue to do well and be well
[this entire line is creased and illegible????????????????????]
dear ones at home I must say just Just here that I have Stood being
away from you all much better than I Expected I have [Exertid?]
my mind more that a litte to keep from being too Much Excited
or probably home Sick, although I have wanted to see you all and
Enjoy your company as bad as any person aught to I have never got
Sick over it, I have never Suffered my mind to become so week, and
another thing is I have Enjoyed good health. I cannot tell how it would
be with me Should I get Sick I imagion bad enough for then I
could not keep from my mind your goodniss and kindness to me
in times of former Sickness when you would constantly wach over me
but anough of this and I will try to commence another subject

Lydia you said in your last letter that you had not heard from me Since the letters that Dyars took with them I was ordered on a march in a few days after Dyars left here and I could not get to write to you for several days when I did get to write I tried to make it up for I wrote you two letters in one day I am now writing, you two letters per week and Expect to while we Stay here I am indeed truly sorry that the males are so uncertain as they are I know there is lots of letters we have wrote that neither of us have got, but I intend if I live to let you hear from me as often as posible and I have no doubt you will do the Same by me, if I thought the letter would not get lost I would Say to you to Send me one dollars worth of postage Stamps but I am afraid I never would get them I got them you sent in your letter you sent by W.T. Mounts, So I think I will Just send letters after I have used all the Stamps I have without Stamps and you can Just as Easy get stamps at home and give one for Every letter you get as to send them to me and have me to put them on, it is out of the question to get stamps here I have Some yet that I got when we pased Cairo company here, I have got the White River Gazett for 3 or 4 weeks I do not know whether you ordered them Sent to me or not they are a welcome visator Indeed but we get later news than I can get by the Worthington Paper and if you need the paper you had better take it yourself I see in the last one I got of the date of the 17th that Volunteering goes on very slow and in all probability there will drafting have to be done if there does I will Surly have to fairly Jump up and down and say goody, goody, I Expect Some of the Boys

are beginning to tremble when any of the boys goes from our settlement I want you to let me know as soon as possible and let me know whether they were drafted or volunteered for I believe there will have to be drafting done There is good chance in this Regiment for a good many of the boys if they want to go Immediately into Service but I want you to keep Billey with you if Possible for in all probability you will not get another as good a hand if I was in your Place I woould know how much I had to pay him They may charge you an Exorbetant price though I hope not

Dear Lydia I do not think you need give yourself any uneesiness about us having to go to Richmond I am of opinion now that we will Stay in this Region of Country until fall I heard our gr Master say This morning That his opinion was we would Stay here at least two months it would be a Source of great Pleasure to me if while we were staying here I could get to [come?] and see you all if only for one week but There is no use of talking about it I wanted to get to come on the [Recr-uitng?] Service as There are Several Sent out of our Regiment but I could not get to come So I will Just wait Patiently for the time to come when I can get to come and Stay, Lydia There is a little mater that I never have heard any thing about that is, I sent a Book home by the Dyars that I Bought in Boonville more for a Relick than any thing Else if you have not got it I want you to get it, Lydia B F Danley got a letter from his Brother the other day That Stated that Hilery Shouse was dead he died in the Hospitle at New Orleans Franks Brother is in the [21st?] Regiment they are at Batten Rouge LA, we have the news here that they are taken prisoners but I do not believe the Report yet

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anything of much Importance for things in the news line here is
dull and nothing of Intrest transpiring So I will close by saying
that May god in his Infinite mercies Bless and protect both
you and me and Spair our lives and preserve our health until
we can be permitted to meet again In this world and Embrace
Each other is the Prair of your loving husband

Abr~ Slough to
Lydia A, Slough